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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
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Re: Accelerating Wireline Broadband Deployment by Removing Barriers to Infrastructure Investment, WC Docket No. 17-84; Accelerating Wireless Broadband Deployment by Removing Barriers to Infrastructure investment, WT Docket No. 17-79

Dear Ms. Dortch:

*Thank You*, in advance, for reviewing this letter of support.

Our office has reviewed the Railroad Crossing Memorandum submitted to your office by Crown Castle on June 1, 2018. We are in complete agreement with this memorandum and fully support the statements / conclusions addressed in this document.

Railroad crossing issues continue to be a major obstacle when attempting to install underground fiber facilities in our markets. The expense and delays by the railroad industry make new fiber deployment unfeasible for smaller markets or to individual customers. Broadband, and most critically for us underground fiber, deployment nationwide cannot be completed unless the Federal Communications Commission exercises their authority to stop telecommunications providers from being exploited by the railroad industry.

We respectfully request the Commission exercise its Section 253 authority and preempt state and local laws that allow railroads to act as gatekeepers to the public ROW.

Sincerely,



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Chief Technical Officer

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